What is claimed is:

- 1. A ferroelectric thin film formed of crystals in which directions of polarization axes are inconsistent with an applied electric field direction in a crystal system.
- 2. A ferroelectric thin film formed of crystals in which directions of 180° domains are inconsistent with an applied electric field direction in a crystal system.
- 3. A ferroelectric thin film formed of crystals in which directions of 90° domains 10 are inconsistent with a direction perpendicular to an applied electric field direction in a crystal system.
 - 4. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the 180° domains are arranged at a constant angle to the applied electric field direction in a ferroelectric thin film plane.
 - 5. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the 90° domains are arranged at a constant angle to the applied electric field direction in a ferroelectric thin film plane.

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- 6. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the 180° domains reversely rotate in a predetermined electric field with respect to the applied electric field direction in a ferroelectric thin film plane.
- 7. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the 90° domains reversely rotate in a predetermined electric field with respect to the applied electric field direction in a ferroelectric thin film plane.

8. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein polarization is arranged at a constant angle to the applied electric field direction in a ferroelectric thin film plane have the same polarization in the same applied electric field.

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- 9. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, formed of a polycrystal highly oriented in the applied electric field direction in a ferroelectric thin film plane.
- 10. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein a polarization axis distribution exhibits no anisotropy with respect to the applied electric field direction in a ferroelectric thin film plane.
- 15 11. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, using:

 a tetragonal Pb(Zr,Ti)O₃ ferroelectric which is (111)-oriented along the applied electric field direction with respect to a ferroelectric thin film plane.
- a rhombohedral Pb(Zr,Ti)O₃ ferroelectric which is (001)-oriented along the applied electric field direction with respect to a ferroelectric thin film plane.

The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, using:

- 13. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, using:
 a bismuth-layer-structured ferroelectric which is (111) or (110)-oriented along
 the applied electric field direction with respect to a ferroelectric thin film plane.
 - 14. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, using:

an SrBi₂Ta₂O₉ ferroelectric which is (115), (111), or (110)-oriented along the applied electric field direction with respect to a ferroelectric thin film plane.

15. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, using:

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- a Bi₄T₃O₁₂ ferroelectric which is (117), (111), (107), or (317)-oriented along the applied electric field direction with respect to a ferroelectric thin film plane.
- 16. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 11, using a (111)-oriented platinum group metal electrode with a full width half maximum of 2° or less.
 - 17. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 12, using a (001)-oriented platinum group metal electrode with a full width half maximum of 2° or less.
- 18. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 13, using a (111)-oriented platinum group metal electrode with a full width half maximum of 2° or less.
 - 19. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 14, using a (111)-oriented platinum group metal electrode with a full width half maximum of 2° or less.
- 20 20. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 15, using a (111)-oriented platinum group metal electrode with a full width half maximum of 2° or less.
 - 21. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 13, using a (110)-oriented platinum group metal electrode with a full width half maximum of 2° or less.
 - 22. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 14, using a (110)-oriented platinum group metal electrode with a full width half maximum of 2° or less.

- 23. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in claim 15, using a (110)-oriented platinum group metal electrode with a full width half maximum of 2° or less.
- 5 24. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 16 to 23, using an alloy electrode of lead and platinum group metal.
 - 25. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, formed by using a mixed solution of a sol-gel solution and an metal organic decomposition solution.
 - 26. The ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 3, comprising silicon, or silicon and germanium in elements of ferroelectric.
- 27. A method of manufacturing the ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims
 15 1 to 26, comprising:

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performing crystallization by rapid heating in an oxidizing gas atmosphere at a pressure less than 10 atmospheres.

- 28. A ferroelectric memory device using the ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 26.
 - 29. A ferroelectric piezoelectric device using the ferroelectric thin film as defined in any of claims 1 to 26.